

# The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

## June 6, 2010

### **Stewardship is a way of life.**

#### **Tithing is God's Plan for Giving:**

Tithing income: for May 30, 2010	\$1996.00
Income for May 31, 2009	\$1745.00
Income for June 1, 2008	\$1891.00
Parish Debt	\$356,371.00

Next weeks tithes is for Human Life International

**My Good Deed for the Week:** Here's what several young people offered as their tithe, in addition to their financial gift: A Pre-K said, "I washed my doll house." A 2<sup>nd</sup> grader said, "I helped plant flowers." A 3<sup>rd</sup> grader said, "I scrubbed all the lawn furniture."

**Understanding Charity: An act of Charity** can take place with or without being an act of love. Charity is the giving of food, clothing, time, energy, or finances to someone in need. To be spiritually meritorious charity must be given unselfishly. There is no desire for temporal recognition in a charitable act given in love.

"If I give away everything I own, and if I hand my body over so that I may boast but do not have love, I gain nothing." (1 Cor. 13:3)

For many charity is no more than a social event, albeit for a good cause. Other acts of charity are done for political purposes. Such acts are of no eternal value if they were not done in real love (one's reward is received here on earth).

When you give alms, do not blow a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets to win the praise of others. Amen, I say to you they have received their reward. (Mt. 6:21)

The Golden Rule: "Do unto others as you would have them do to you." (Mt. 7:12 & Lk. 6:31) A corollary to this rule is: "Pay attention to and serve God as you would have Him pay attention to and serve you."

Always keep in mind that God has full power. We are given but an infinitesimal fraction of that power for momentary use in this life. However, those received into heaven will have extensive use of that power. This power will first be used to give glory to God and then be used to bring every saint perfect happiness. Those sentenced to hell will only have limited use of power. This limited power might be used on others in hell in a repetitious but every expanding cycle of mutual hatred and torment – hoping to find temporary distraction from their never-ending suffering. Existence, both in Heaven and Hell is eternal. "We know we have passed from death to life because we love our brothers. Whoever does not love remains in death." (1John 3:14)

**Love is never one sided. God gives and we must give in return.**

## **Pastor's Column**

### **THE TIMES, THEY ARE-A-CHANGIN'**

While we celebrate today something stable and solid – the feast of the Body and Blood of the Lord (Corpus Christi) – we

brace ourselves for the opposite: change, change and more change. I refer to the leave-taking of our beloved Fr. Jeffrey Thoms and the arrival of Fr. Fidelis Umukoro, O.P., the new parochial vicar.

In the next bulletin column I hope to have more information on Fr. Fidelis. For now I can tell you that he is a native of Nigeria, as was Fr. Bernard, a parochial vicar here of some years ago. As with Fr. Bernard, Fr. Fidelis is a priest of the Dominican order, founded in the 13<sup>th</sup> century by St. Dominic, a Spanish priest. The letters O.P., behind his name stand for "Order of Preachers," the name officially given the order by its sainted founder.

**The farewell pot-luck dinner for Fr. Thoms will be Sunday June 13<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30 p.m. in the Social Hall. Please sign up on the sheet on the Welcome Table, indicating what covered dish you will bring. Fr. Thoms will appreciate the opportunity to see you and bid farewell.**

Father Thoms has commented to me on many occasions about his profound gratitude to all of you, the good people of St. Jude Parish. In particular, those who have expressed sorrow at his leaving. He is also grateful for your good wishes at the many great prospects of his new assignment at Bloomsburg University as Campus Minister and that of Administrator of Christ the King Mission in Benton.

What strengthens us during these changing times? Christ's presence in the Eucharist and in His proclaimed word, the Scriptures. That's true for both priests and laity. We are all just passing through, fed by the bread of life and by the Revealed Word. During our journey we reach out, helping one another on the road of life, providing strength for the weary, hope for the faltering, joy for the distressed. We can't do it alone. We need God and we need one another.

Come on the 13<sup>th</sup> and help Father Thoms in his journey. Yes, the times they are-a-changing for us, to borrow from that old Bob Dylan tune. But change is part of life. Let us sustain ourselves, during these transitions, with the unchanging food of the Eucharist and the Word until our journey ends and we reunite in the Heavenly glory that awaits us.

Fr. Bill



### **Scripture Readings for the week**

**Sunday June 6 – Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ** - Genesis 14:18-20; Psalm 110:1-4; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Luke 9:11-17-9:15 a.m. – Rafael Perez-Pacheco,

**Monday, June 7** – 1 Kings 17:1-6; Psalm 121:1-8; Matthew 5:1-12

9:00 a.m. – **NO MASS**

**Tuesday, June 8** – 1 Kings 17:7-16; Psalm 4:2-5, 7-8; Matthew 5:13-16

9:00 a.m. – Phyllis R. Toone

**Wednesday, June 9** - 1 Kings 18:20-39; Psalm 16:1-2, 4-5, 8, 11; Matthew 5:17-19

**Thursday, June 10** - 1 Kings 18:41-46; Psalm 65:10-13; Matthew 5:20-26

**Friday, June 11 - Most Sacred Heart of Jesus** – Ezekiel 34-11-16; Psalm 23:1-6; Romans 5:5-11; Luke 15:3-7

9:00 a.m. – Helen Dragavich

**Saturday, June 12** - 1Kings 19:19-21; Psalm 16:1-2, 5, 7-10; Luke 2:41-51

5:00 p.m. – Pietro Evola

6:30 p.m.- Jack Marshall

**Sunday, June 13** - 2 Samuel 12:7-10, 13; Psalm 32:1-2, 5, 7, 11; Galatians 2:16-, 19-21; Luke 7:36-8:3

9:15 a.m. – Joseph Saia

## PARISH NEWS & ACTIVITIES

**Monday Morning Masses transferred to Tuesday: June 7.** Father Thoms will be covering Father Palomino at Corpus Christi, Chambersburg, over this time period when he goes home to Peru to visit his family after a number of years. This transfer of Masses will allow Father Thoms to stay overnight Sunday into Monday to be with his parents. We will still have Friday, 9:00 AM Mass as usual.

### HELP WANTED: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO TEACH CCD CLASSES FALL 2010:

The CCD program is in need of adults to teach the Faith to children for classes beginning in September. Classes meet on Sunday mornings after 9:15 A.M. Mass for approximately 1 ½ hours. This is an opportunity to evangelize your faith, and, at the same time, to grow in it. The lesson plans in our teachers' guides contain detailed, scripted instructions, Bible and Catechism references, and related activities for every lesson. The textbooks are well-written and inspiring; companion student workbooks have many excellent reinforcement activities, and pre-made quizzes make it easy to evaluate student progress. And, you will have whatever support you need to get started and throughout the year.

**Our need for volunteers to sign up is immediate,** as all teachers must have criminal record and Child Line clearances. It can sometimes take 2 months or more for us to get these clearances after we have sent in the necessary forms. Please prayerfully consider volunteering for this most important mission of our parish. Contact Karen Thome for more information at 694-3607 or [kkthome@wildblue.net](mailto:kkthome@wildblue.net).

## COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Annual Diocesan Charismatic Retreat** – The Annual Charismatic Renewal Retreat Weekend will be held on July 30, July 31, and August 1. at Sts Cyril & Methodius Villa Sacred Heart Spirituality Center in Danville, PA. The theme is “Listening to the Word of God in the Power of the Holy Spirit”. The retreat director is Very Rev. Francis J. Karwacki V.F. Diocesan Moderator for the Charismatic Renewal. Call Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church at 570-339- 1031 for more information.

### **Quo Vadis Days 2010 – “Where Are You Going?”**

Attention all Catholic young men ages 15-25. Our Lord Jesus Christ has a great plan and mission for you! You are invited to attend the Diocese of Harrisburg's sixth Annual *Quo Vadis Days* vocation camp to spend time with other young men your age as you listen to the Lord's call in your life while having fun. Activities include – Holy Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, hiking, sports, games, great food, talks and more.

Priests and seminarians of the Diocese of Harrisburg staff *QVD*. *QVD* will be held from June 13-17, 2010 at Mount St. Mary's Seminary and College. Cost is free due to generous donors. Please contact the Office of Vocations at 657-4804, ext. 282 with questions or for a registration packet.

## SACRED HEART SCHOOL

**IT'S NOT TOO LATE** to register for the 2010-2011 school year AND receive scholarship monies! Thanks to the support of Sen. Jake Corman, Sacred Heart School has received a gift of \$12,500 from the Bravo Foundation for scholarships for the coming school year. We are still accepting registrations for grades K – 5. Please call the school to set up a visit!

### Upcoming events

**Tuesday, June 8, 9AM Mass, Grade 5 Graduation** followed by reception in cafeteria for families

**Thursday, June 10:** Last day of school, with 11:30 dismissal

**Friday, June 11:** Teacher Work Day

**Wednesday, September 1, 2010** – School reopens

### **Volunteers Needed for 2010-2011 school year at SHS**

**Volunteer needed to work** as librarian; tasks would include the checking out of books, book shelving and signing books back into circulation; hours are negotiable. Call the school if interested.

**SHS also is in need of Spanish instructor** for weekly lessons in Spanish for Grades 3-5, approximately 90 minutes a week; materials for teaching are available; volunteer basis. Call the school if you would be interested.

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**SHS thanks** all the volunteers who spend hours of service as aides, cafeteria and library help. Thanks for all you do for us.

### **SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT**

Sacred Heart of Jesus School partners with families of diverse cultures and faiths to provide a Christ-centered, affordable, quality education for their children in a safe, nurturing environment. We teach the love of God as revealed in the Catholic faith, promote the highest academic standards, respect individual learning abilities, and prepare students to become loving, active members of their families and faith communities

**Sacred Heart School would like to thank all the parishioners** who participated in the fundraising opportunities throughout the year, especially the Treasure Tree (for the Angel Fund), the Savor the Flavors Event, More Than An Auction, Giant A+, Scrip, Box Tops and Campbell Soup Labels, and the HSA candy and hoagie sales. Your participation allowed us to exceed our budgeted goals for the year! Please continue to collect Box Tops and Campbell Soup labels over the summer. Just a reminder to sign up our school for the Take Charge of Education Program for those of you

who have Target Visa Cards, too! Every little bit makes a big difference at Sacred Heart! Thanks again, and God Bless!